

GERMANS AFTER RUSSIAN ARMY

Hindenburg and Leopold Co-Operating in Encircling Movement

CAPTURE OF VILEIKA

Czar's Army, Said to be in Vice, Are Battling to Avoid Crushing Blow From Teutons

London, Sept. 20.—The Germans have occupied Vilna and, by a wide sweeping movement to the north of that city, have succeeded in almost if not entirely surrounding a portion of the Russian army which is fighting in the railway triangle between Vilna, Lida and Vileika.

At any rate, the Russian forces in this district either must fight their way out eastward or retire in a southeasterly direction, for the only railway left entirely in their hands is that which runs from Vilna to Lida, and thence to Baranovitchi.

The army of Field Marshal von Hindenburg, which took Vilna and has reached Vileika, to the east of Vilna, is working in close co-operation with that of Archduke Leopold of Bavaria in an effort to catch a part of the Russian army, an operation which has been so often tried without success since the Austro-German commenced their drive in Western Galicia in early May.

The Russians express confidence in the outcome of the battle, which must be decided before complete success falls to one side or the other, but with their northern armies closely held along the Dvina and the German flank well protected by their cavalry, which recently occupied Widsy, across the Vilna-Petrograd railway, it seems impossible that any aid can come to them from that direction.

The battle seemingly must be fought out between the troops now in the district between Vilna, Lida and Slonim, with the assistance of any reinforcements that can be spared to hold the German force which has reached Vileika.

At the southern end of the line General Ivanoff is still keeping Field Marshal von Mackensen at arm's length from the fortress of Rovno, the key to the route to Kiev, and in counter-attacks has retaken a number of villages both in Volhynia and Galicia.

It seems apparent from the inability of the Austro-Germans to hold their positions in the southern area that they have sent reinforcements from that front to Field Marshal von Hindenburg's northern army, which, as heretofore, is expected to score the biggest success.

Berlin, Sept. 19.—The Russian city of Vilna, at which the armies of Field Marshal von Hindenburg had been driving, and which was stubbornly defended until nearly surrounded by hostile forces, has been occupied by the Germans, it was officially announced by German army headquarters today. The statement says:

"The extensive attack by General von Eichhorn against Vilna has been crowned with complete success. Our left wing has reached Molodechno, Smorgon and Wornjan. Attempts by the enemy to break through our lines in the direction of Mischalischk with strong forces hurriedly collected failed completely.

"Because of the uninterrupted progress of our encircling movement and simultaneous strong attacks by the troops of General von Scholz and Von Gallwitz upon the enemy's front, the forces opposing us have been forced since yesterday to retreat as quickly as possible along the entire front. The strongly fortified town of Vilna fell into our hands. The enemy is being pursued along the entire line.

"The army group of Prince Leopold of Bavaria is also occupied in pursuing the retreating enemy and has reached the line running through Nierdowoje, Erenwoje and Dobromyl. Enemy rear guards were defeated."

MILLINERY OPENING.
Mrs. J. Hayes invites the inspection of the patrons to her millinery Opening, Wednesday and Thursday, 20-21.

FORTY PRISONERS IN HAUL.

Police Have Busy Time Saturday Night in Making Arrests.

The police had a busy time Saturday night in making arrests for there were forty prisoners taken in the toils. Their cases were heard before Police Justice Caton, this morning and although there were a number of cases in which collateral was forfeited an hour was taken in getting at the bottom of those heard.

The following were disposed of: Eight white men charged with unlawful gambling, forfeited \$5 each and the proprietor of the house \$20. Nine negroes charged with unlawful gambling, forfeited collateral of \$5 each.

Jacob Rose, charged with conducting a pawnbroker's business without license, was dismissed on his promise to take out a license.

John A. Wells, violating the grass removal law, fined \$2. An appeal noted to the corporation court.

Charles Tlexander and Trchie Cleveland, charged with violating the traffic ordinance, fined \$1 each.

Edwin Paine, charged with reckless driving, fined \$50.

Aaron Jackson, charged with assaulting Robert Webb, last Wednesday night, the assault having been made by striking Webb on the head with a double barreled shotgun, was dismissed it having been shown that the man entered Jackson's house after having been warned not to do so.

Rose Mayette, colored, robbing Walter Miller, a soldier, of watch and money, sent to jail for 60 days.

J. W. Simmes, trespassing on property of Washington-Southern Railway and having a concealed weapon in his possession, forfeited collateral.

John Clark and William H. son, two white men, charged with fighting \$5 each.

Tom Thomas, charged with stabbing Charles Nowland, had his case continued as Nowland was unable to appear.

Samuel Johnson, colored, non-support of family, given a chance to support family or go to jail.

Deady Fontroy, cruel treatment of horse, fined \$10.

There were several cases of drunken and disorderly conduct in which fines of \$5 were imposed.

FEAST OF TABERNACLES

Last of Jewish Holidays Will Begin on Wednesday Evening.

The Feast of Tabernacles comprises eight days, beginning on the eve of Wednesday the 22nd. day of September and ending October 1st.

Once a year Israel recovers its love of the soil, and makes public avowal of the fact that even an industrial civilization, such as ours depends primarily upon the elements of nature.

The Sukkoth Festival is meant not as a season of self-congratulation on having garnered in the products of the farm or the gains of business, but as time for thought on the larger-scaled social interests of men in the national and international life.

The "dwelling in booths" as characteristic of the Biblical phase of the festival and observed as an archaic symbolism nowadays, is a suggestive domestic ritual which re-affirms the lessons of "the simple life" and the democracy of the Jewish household.

The Sukkoth Festival is the culminating lesson of the series of holidays of the month. Rabbi Wise, of Cincinnati, will conduct the services in the synagogue in this city.

MORE TALK OF PEACE

Berlin Interprets Kitchener's Address As Proffer To Turks.

Berlin, Sept. 20.—"The Tages Zeitung interprets Earl Kitchener's speech complimenting Turkey as an offer in disguise for a separate peace. England being unable to force the Dardanelles," says the Overseas News Agency. "This is a strange contrast to the statement of Premier Asquith, when Turkey declared war, that Turkey had signed her own death sentence."

In a speech before the House of Lords on Thursday Earl Kitchener said there was evidence of demoralization among the Turks, but that, judged from a humane point of view, their methods of warfare were "superior to those which have disgraced their German masters."

NOTICE
All subscribers to the Gazette not receiving their paper promptly will please notify the Gazette office so that better service can be afforded.

PEACE BY AID OF CHURCH UNION

Carnegie Plans Mass Meetings Throughout the United States

A "FLYING SQUADRON"

Congress at Next Session Will be Urged to Declare for Arbitration and Disarmament

New York, Sept. 20.—Announcement was made yesterday at the headquarters of the Church Peace Union, the \$2,000,000 foundation established by Andrew Carnegie last year, of a plan to promote the cause of peace through the churches.

With Philadelphia and New York as starting points, a countrywide campaign of large proportions, to influence opinion among churchgoers against war in the future, will begin at once. The campaign will be financed by the Carnegie Peace Union, in co-operation with the World Alliance of the Churches for the Promotion of International Friendships and the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America, officially representing the principal Protestant churches of the United States.

Thousands of ministers will participate in the campaign, among them being men from all the prominent pulpits in the country.

The campaign is to be known as "The Flying Squadron." It is the purpose of the managers of the movement to hold mass-meetings in all the cities and towns within a radius of 100 miles of each of the large cities, and to spread the movement until the entire country has been covered. Ministers are to adopt as the keystone of their addresses this point: That the church has failed in its duty to emphasize the cause of peace in the past and that its supreme effort should be in that direction in the future.

The main objective of the campaign will be to procure signatures to a petition which is to be sent to the President and Congress. A feature of the petition is the clause declaring for recognition of the cause of national security and defense, until nations are willing to agree to arbitrate their quarrels. The petition is as follows:

The undersigned citizens of the United States believing in the brotherhood of all nations and hence that international affairs should be conducted on basis of the Golden Rule, respectfully petition the president and Congress of the United States to place on record by the action of the proper bodies that the United States favor the scientific study of the causes of war and the way to their elimination.

The submission of international disputes to a world Court, to be established by joint action of the nations or to some duly constituted board of arbitration.

An international League for the promotion and maintenance of peace.

The reduction of armaments of all nations as rapidly as practicable, to the point required for police protection, not ignoring the needs of national security and defense while the reduction is being made.

Comprehensive immigration legislation Federal protection of aliens in America and a more adequate Oriental policy.

The campaign is being managed by Rev. E. Ellsworth Shumaker and Rev. S. Byron Hershey.

MISS NORTON'S FUNERAL

The funeral of Miss Nannie B. Norton who died at Catonsville, Md., took place at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon from her home, 616 Prince street. Services were conducted by Rev. Dr. P. P. Phillips, rector of St. Paul's P. E. Church. Burial was in St. Paul's Cemetery. The pall bearers were Dr. William M. Smith, Laurence Stabler, Dr. T. B. Cochran, E. C. Dunn, C. W. Wattles and U. S. Lambert.

GIRLS WANTED

Must be 16 years of age or over; steady pleasant work. Apply to Paff Shoe Co., corner Washington and Gibson Streets. 20-3

BRITAIN'S GRAVE ISSUE

Lloyd-George Writes on the Question of Conscription.

London, Sept. 20.—Replying to a constituent Lloyd-George has written the following letter:

"You say the government ought to give the nation the lead in answering the question as whether the moral obligation of every able-bodied man to defend his country should be converted during the war into a legal obligation. The government is fully alive to the necessity of giving a definite lead and undue delay might be disastrous. On the other hand undue precipitation would be equally disastrous. The issue is one of fact and not one of principle. If figures demonstrate that we can win with a voluntary system, it would be folly to provoke a controversy in the middle of this world war by attempts to substitute a totally different method.

"On the other hand, if figures demonstrate that the voluntary system has exhausted its utility, nothing but legal pressure can give Britain the armies necessary to defend its honor and save Europe from a triumph of military despotism. I have not yet heard of a single man who would resist compulsion under those circumstances. The man who says they would resist the expedition, even if proven necessary to save this country and the freedom of the world, has not yet appeared in the arena. If they do, I predict their protectors would be found among the working classes.

"It is all a question of ascertainable fact. Why all this premature anger? The determining facts have not yet been published. When they are sifted and published the advocates of one view or the other will find all their fervor and ferocity wasted in attacking positions which they then will discover, they ought to defend. The issue is the gravest any country was ever called upon to decide. Let it be settled in a spirit worthy of that gravity I withdraw nothing I have said as to the seriousness of the position."

TOWN HALL UNDER HAMMER

Company Owning Bladensburg Structure in Financial Straits.

Washington, Sept. 20.—The Bladensburg Town Hall will be sold under the hammer September 27. The Town Hall Company has been unable to meet the obligations of the property, and as a result Marion Duckett, Caleb C. Magruder, Jr., and A. Marvin Peach, acting as trustees, have been ordered to sell the property at public auction.

Residents of the historic Maryland town are hoping that its purchaser will continue to maintain it as a community meeting place. The structure is modern and not identified with the events of historic interest when the village was the centre of the British attack on Washington in 1812. The building is now used for all public meetings at Bladensburg.

BULGARIA FOR WAR

Tell Their King That a Neutral Policy Will Be Fatal.

London, Sept. 20.—A dispatch to Reuters' Telegram Company from Sofia Bulgaria, dated September 17, says "The opposition leaders at their audience with King Ferdinand declared that it would be fatal for the country to continue its neutral policy, and in order to safeguard the country against a policy which would be contrary to the interests and sentiments of the nation they recommended the formation of a coalition cabinet and the immediate summoning of Parliament.

"The King listened attentively to the speeches of the opposition leaders and promised to consider seriously the views expressed by them. After the audience the King summoned Premier Radoslawoff.

"Five political parties were represented at the audience, and the leader of each outlined at length the views of his party on the political situation. The eagerness of the King to receive the deputation has considerably relieved public feeling."

RECENT ATTACK UPON LONDON

German Bombs Said to Have Fallen Near Bank of England

ONE HITS AN OMNIBUS

Block of Buildings in Heart of British Capital Destroyed Entailing Loss of \$10,000,000

New York, Sept. 20.—Bombs dropped within a few blocks of the Bank of England and the residence of the lord mayor of London in the great Zeppelin raid on the night of September 8, according to passengers who reached here today aboard the Holland-American liner Rotterdam with the first uncensored stories of the attack on the English capital.

Though the press bureau reported that only twenty persons were killed, it is understood in London that Zeppelins bombs killed fifty. The passengers report. Property damage is estimated at least \$10,000,000.

One bomb crashed through the roof of a bus near Trafalgar Square, killing fourteen persons outright. The bus was blown to pieces.

A whole block of buildings in the heart of London was destroyed by fire. Other big blazes occurred in widely separated parts of the city.

The greatest property damage was done on Wood street, where the great wholesale dry good house are located. Fronts of several great buildings were blown out; others collapsed when bombs burst through the roofs.

WOMAN SHOTS HERSELF

Rockville Woman, Separated From Husband, Attempts Suicide.

Rockville, Md., Sept. 20.—Mrs. Rose Lillard, 30 years old, wife of James R. Lillard, Saturday night shot herself three times in the stomach in an attempt to commit suicide, and she is now in a critical condition in a Washington hospital. An operation was performed soon after she was taken to the hospital last night.

Mrs. Lillard is a sister of Mrs. William P. Trail, wife of the Warden of the Rockville Jail.

Mrs. Lillard and her husband have not been living together for some years. She has a 7 year old son, who has been living with her. Before her marriage she was a Miss Poole, of Poolsville, Montgomery county.

TEST GRASS REMOVAL LAW

City Employee Will Carry Case to Corporation Court

John A. Wells, foreman of the street department, under City Engineer Dunn, is to test the law requiring occupants of houses to remove grass from the sidewalks in front of their residences. Some days ago in accordance with instructions issued by the Mayor and the health office Police-man Campbell ordered a number of residents in third ward to remove grass from in front of their homes.

The majority complied with the request, but Mr. Wells refused and said that he would go to jail before he would comply with the law. He was hauled into police court and this morning stated to Justice Caton his belief in the unjustness of the law. He said that the city was removing weeds from in front of some people's houses and should remove them from all. He further said that the owner of the house and not the renter should be required to remove the weeds. Justice Caton called his attention to the fact that the law required the occupant of the house to comply with the law. Upon Wells' refusal to obey the statute a fine of \$2 was imposed by Justice Caton. An appeal was noted to the corporation court.

CARDINALS WIN OPENER

Take First of Championship Series From Eagles

Cardinals won the first game of the championship of the city from the Eagles by the score—Cardinals, 4; Eagles, 2.

Every player on the opposing sides fought hard to capture the "opener" of the series and put up a great battle for the baseball honors of Alexandria. The features of the game were Dick Snowden's home run; the pitching of Jim Sweeney, and the difficult running catch of Tommy Dezan for the Cardinals. For the Eagles Eory Hayden won the crown of honor for his all-around fine playing and heavy batting. To Quayle, the pitcher, every member of the Cardinals lift their cap in his honor, and although not successful in the contest, he had the goods and pitched a pretty game.

Everybody was pleased with the umpiring of Shorty Jim Hughes, who rendered his decisions in a fair and impartial manner.

NUMBER OF AUTOS

Two Million of the Modern Vehicles in the United States.

The Scientific American in a recent article estimates that there are now two million automobiles in this country and, averaging the number of persons who can be seated in a car, it figures that eight million people of ten or occasionally ride in motor-cars. It further estimates that it requires one billion gallons of gasoline to run so many cars, and this fluid is valued at \$130,000,000. Estimating accessories of all kinds at \$50 per car per annum, it shows an additional hundred million dollars expenses, and, with twelve million tires at \$16 each, the cost of tires alone will aggregate nearly two hundred millions per year. Other garage expenses on the basis of \$100 per car add another two hundred million annually. Add one hundred millions more for miscellaneous repairs and other items, such as the cost of new cars to replace old ones, and the cost of owning, maintaining and operating automobiles per year reaches approximately the staggering total of one billion, one hundred and eighty million dollars per year!

Much of this vast sum is spent upon pleasure-riding, rather than upon utilitarian uses of the automobile. The diversion of such a vast sum from other channels of expenditure must have its effect upon other lines of industry and of commerce. We fear that the matter of home-building and home-owning will suffer from the universal desire to enjoy an automobile. It is well for those who can afford to divert such a large annual sum from their incomes to enjoy the automobile, but there is grave reason to fear that the automobile habit will prove financially disastrous to many.

SITUATION IN THE BALKANS

Czar Ferdinand and King of Romania Hold Conference.

London, Sept. 20.—The situation in the Balkans and at the Dardanelles has reached a crisis, Czar Ferdinand, of Bulgaria, and the King of Roumania are reported to be holding a conference at a place on the Danube, the location of which is kept secret. It is believed that this conference will decide the action of the Balkan powers. The chief interest lies in the fact that the action of the Balkan league will decide the all-important Dardanelles campaign.

So desperate is the plight of the Turks that Envoy Pasha is reported in dispatches from Rome as having declared Constantinople in a state of siege. The central powers are preparing to detach 500,000 men from the Russian front and send them to the assistance of their Ottoman ally, according to the same source.

The latter part of October, is said to have been set for a great Austro-German drive through Serbia to the relief of the Turks. It is then that Bulgaria must say whether she will cast her lot with the central powers and allow passage to their troops.

Dispatches from Berlin say confidence is felt there that she will. Bulgaria is wide open to attack from land and sea, however, and this fact leads to the belief that she will hesitate a long time before defying the allies. She is surrounded by Serbia, Greece and Roumania, and her coasts are subject to attack by warships of the British, French, Russian and Italian fleets.

MORE FIGHTING IS EXPECTED

Fiercest Contests Will Occur in Mexico During Next Two Weeks

LEADERS TO STAKE ALL

Determining Battle Will, it is Thought, Take Place in Neighborhood of Torreon.

Washington, Sept. 20.—For the next three weeks Mexico is expected to see the severest fighting since the revolution began.

Spurred on by the promise of the Pan-American conferees to accord recognition, at the end of three weeks, to the faction which appears best able to control Mexico, Carranza and Villa are prepared to stake their all in a final clash.

The determining battle, it is believed, will take place in the neighborhood of Torreon. With the advantages now in favor of Carranza, it is expected that he will be recognized. But before recognition comes, it is feared that the plains of northern Mexico, where the final fight will be staged will be steeped in blood.

Officials in Washington, while expecting Carranza to win, are apprehensive of the course which Villa will follow if cast aside. Already reports from the border bristle with threats that if Carranza is recognized, Villa will undertake vigorous reprisals against all Americans in the territory remaining to him, and may even carry his lawlessness to such an extent as to compel American troops to invade Mexican soil.

LOCAL BREVITIES

Miss Hattie Pollard is visiting friends in Norfolk.

Alderman and Mrs. Maurice Wilkins are at Braddock Heights, Md.

L. Shuman and Son have sold to Mrs. T. J. Fannon, lot No. 26 in George Washington park.

Mrs. D. R. Stansbury and Miss Coralie Greenaway are spending a couple of weeks at Virginia Beach.

Seminole Tribe, No. 35, Improved Order of Red Men, has arranged to celebrate its seventh anniversary on Thursday night.

Alderman W. W. Ballenger, who suffered a slight stroke of paralysis, at his home, 305 Cameron street, yesterday, is considerably improved today.

A meeting of the committees arranging for the state convention of the Elks, October 5, 6, and 7, will be held tonight at the Elks' Home.

J. W. Simmes, a white man, forfeited \$20 collateral in police court this morning for having a concealed weapon. The man was arrested for trespassing on the property of the Washington-Southern Ry.

Elmer Horace Lord, of Hopeville, Va and Miss Abbie Virginia Brown, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Brown, were married this morning at the parsonage of Trinity M. E. Church by the Rev. L. M. Fergusson, pastor.

CALLS IT "UNHOLY BUSINESS"

Senator La Follette Says U. S. Is Underwriting Allies' Success.

Madison, Wis., Sept. 20.—"With our manufacturing interests extending enormous credits to the Allies, with our money interests committed to keep the bonds of the Allies' governments good, we are underwriting the success of the cause of the Allies. We have ceased to be neutral in fact as well as in name and are no longer fit and free to do what is honest and disinterested and truly serviceable for the peace of the world, and it is an unholy business."

This is the message which Senator Robert M. La Follette announced in a signed article on the front page of his magazine.

OYSTER SEASON OPEN AT RAMMEL CAFE.

Oyster season open at Rammel Cafe.